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Human Services Commission Meeting
July 11, 2012

Attendance: Dee Ann Ryan (Vermilion County Mental Health), Ngoan Le (Chicago Community Trust), Toni Irving (Governor's Office; proxy Michael Gelder attended the second half of the meeting), Delia Coleman (proxy; Donor's Forum), Denver Bitner (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois), Sandra Alexander (proxy; Department on Aging), Jill Edelblute (proxy; YMCA), Kenneth Soyemi and Mildred Williamson (proxies; Department of Public Health), Richard Calica (Department of Children and Family Services), Maria Pesqueira (Mujeres Latinas), Nancy Ronquillo (Children's Home and Aid), Jennifer Welch (proxy; Chicago Department of Family and Support Services), Ireta Gasner (proxy; Ounce of Prevention); Gladys Taylor (proxy; Department of Corrections), Marco Jacome (Healthcare Alternative Systems), Michelle Saddler (Department of Human Services), Maggie Laslo (SEIU Healthcare), Sam Tuttle (proxy; Heartland Human Care Services), Gaylord Gieseke (Voices for Illinois Children), Art Dykstra (Trinity Services, Inc.), Sharron Matthews (proxy; Department of Health and Family Services), Eileen Durkin (Community Counseling Centers of Chicago), George Jones Jr. (Ada S. McKinley Community Services), Pam Heavens (Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living), Neli Vazquez-Rowland (A Safe Haven), Andy Wade (Metropolitan Family Services)

Phone: Gary Huelsmann (Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois), Michele Carmichael (proxy; ISBE), Greg Pierce (United Power for Action and Justice), Arthur Bishop (Department of Juvenile Justice), Rep. Rosemary Mulligan (General Assembly)

Springfield video conference: Lore Baker (Supportive Housing Providers Association), Mark Doyle (Governor's Office)

1. Co-Chair Ngoan Le welcomed commissioners and attendees to the meeting and commissioners introduced themselves.
2. An update on the FY 13 state budget was provided.
 - Larry Joseph (Voices for Illinois Children) gave a brief description of the budget process for FY 13. He explained that the House and Senate started with common estimates of revenues, but made different decisions about appropriations among agencies. He provided an overview of FY 13 budgets for five state agencies: DHFS, DHS, DCFS, DOA, and DPH. There was a change in policy regarding liabilities in DHFS that can be paid under different fiscal years ("Section 25 liabilities"), limiting deferred liabilities for FY 13 and FY 14. He reported that for the most part additional deep cuts in DHS were avoided in FY 13, due to use of none-GRF funding, though in many programs funding is still well below FY 09 levels. Larry also briefly addressed the issue of the state's backlog of unpaid bills. There will be little change in the backlog of non-Medicaid General Fund bills.
 - Michelle Saddler discussed the FY 13 budget for DHS. Operations were cut 4-6%. Some programs such as Developmental Disabilities received an increase in grant funding, but there is still a backlog of bills to providers from FY 12.
 - Sharron Matthews discussed the FY 13 budget for DHFS. The SMART Act includes 62 spending reductions that reflect new policies for Medicaid in Illinois. DHFS is notifying Medicaid recipients and providers about these changes and has efforts underway to improve care coordination and collaboration with providers and stakeholders. DHFS provides an e-newsletter with updates and links to current information.

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- Gladys Taylor discussed the FY 13 budget for DOC. DOC had substantial cuts for FY 13 and a decision was made to close several facilities, including two correctional facilities as well as a few adult transitional centers.
- Arthur Bishop discussed the FY 13 budget for DJJ. DJJ has had a decline in its population and will be closing two of its facilities. The department is focusing on community-based care and rehabilitation.
- Sandra Alexander discussed the FY 13 budget for DOA. Over 90% of the budget goes toward community care and case management. There has been an increased need and increased caseloads for these services. The department is implementing several cost-saving measures.
- Richard Calica discussed the FY 13 budget for DCFS. The department experienced drastic cuts and had to lay off 375 staff. DCFS has been examining its mandates and has implemented a triage system for families at highest risk.
- Michele Carmichael discussed the FY 13 budget for ISBE. The FY 13 budget is well below what the board had recommended; districts that rely on general state aid will be most affected.
- Mildred Williamson discussed the FY 13 budget for DPH. Several programs including HIV/AIDS prevention and breast and cervical cancer programs had substantial cuts. Facility closures are not expected.
- Stephen Shaw (DHS) updated the Commission on the state's initiative to create a centralized repository vault, which will allow providers to upload documents to a central site for monitoring and evaluation. This should streamline review and accreditation processes for both state agencies and providers. More information is available on the DHS website.
- Michael Gelder briefly shared the Governor's Office perspective on the FY 13 budget, including the issue of reducing the state's backlog of unpaid bills.

Commissioners raised questions and concerns and discussed them with the presenters following each budget presentation.

3. Eileen Durkin provided an update on the work of the Rebalancing workgroup. The state has taken leadership on this issue and a lot of initiatives are in place. The workgroup will hold meetings on July 19 from 2-4:30 (to discuss priorities for rebalancing in FY 13) and August 8 from 10-12:30 (to discuss building community capacity); all commissioners are invited to participate. The workgroup's report will discuss large-scale rebalancing challenges, issues, and impacts, including "money follows the person" initiatives.
4. Jim Lewis (Chicago Community Trust/Budgeting for Results Commission) provided an update on the Budgeting for Results workgroup. The state has adopted and posted a strategic plan to guide the budgeting for results process, which will likely take several years. The state will convene teams to engage in strategy mapping for seven key areas. The process will yield priorities, goals, and sub-goals for the state agencies. Every program will also create a logic model, and metrics for evaluating goals will be established. Two types of evaluation will be part of the process: measuring agency performance against their goals, as well as cost-benefit analyses. In addition, performance contracting may become more commonplace. The workgroup will examine each of these areas in the strategic plan to ensure that the provider community's input is considered.

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Delia Coleman (Donors Forum) mentioned that Donors' Forum is working on a pilot project in collaboration with DHS to assist smaller providers in building capacity for performance-based contracting. More information on DHS's efforts regarding budgeting for results is available on the DHS website.

5. David Lloyd (Voices for Illinois Children) provided an update on the Rationalizing Service Delivery workgroup. The workgroup is in the process of securing dates for upcoming meetings. There are two subgroups, program reorganization and children's behavioral health. The children's behavioral health subgroup will meet today (July 11) at 2 p.m. Dee Ann Ryan provided an update on the subgroup's work. The subgroup is addressing many key issues, including custody relinquishment, early prevention and treatment, and financing intensive home-based services.
6. Ngoan Le reviewed the proposed work plan for the remainder of the Commission's current term ending in November 2012. There are two more Commission meetings scheduled for the year. The three workgroups will begin drafting recommendations, to be shared at the next meeting on September 12. The Commission will refine the recommendations in the following month and final recommendations will be presented for adoption at the last Commission meeting in November. The bill to extend the Commission is still awaiting a decision from the Governor's Office.
7. The next full Human Services Commission meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2012, 9am-12pm at the JRTC.
8. The Commission reviewed the minutes from the May 7, 2012 meeting. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes.
9. A public comment period was announced, but no comments were raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.